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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TO INCREASE THE
RECYCLING OF CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS AND TO
EXPAND THE USAGE OF RECYCLED CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TO THE
GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE.

1 WHEREAS, the recycling of construction and demolition
2 debris has substantial benefits to the State; and

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4 WHEREAS, the increased recycling of construction and
5 demolition debris would help to divert nearly two thousand tons
6 of waste from landfills each day; and

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8 WHEREAS, many landfills in the State that accept
9 construction and demolition debris are expected to reach maximum
10 capacity within one decade; and

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12 WHEREAS, on Oahu, the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill,
13 the island's only municipal solid waste landfill, is expected to
14 close by 2028; and

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16 WHEREAS, on Hawaii Island, the closure of the South Hilo
17 Sanitary Landfill in 2019 has left only the Puuanahulu Landfill
18 remaining; and

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20 WHEREAS, Kauai's only landfill, the Kekaha landfill, is
21 expected to become full in 2026; and

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23 WHEREAS, the landfills on the islands of Maui, Lanai, and
24 Molokai are expected to reach capacity within the next twenty
25 years; and

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27 WHEREAS, landfills also cause significant impacts to nearby
28 communities; and

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30 WHEREAS, the residents of communities near landfills, such
31 as Nanakuli and Kekaha, face a proliferation of environmental
32 consequences and reduced property values due to their proximity
33 to the landfills; and
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1 WHEREAS, the roads serving these communities also must
2 unfairly endure the weight of tons of waste being transported
3 from all their island's residents; and

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5 WHEREAS, these burdens may be mitigated through an increase
6 in recycling and diversion of construction waste; now,
7 therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,
11 that Hawaii's construction industry is urged to increase the
12 recycling of construction and demolition debris to the greatest
13 extent possible; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii construction
16 industry is urged to expand the usage of recycled construction
17 materials to the greatest extent possible; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the
21 General Contractors Association of Hawaii, Executive Secretary-
22 Treasurer of the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters, and
23 Executive Director of the Hawaii Building and Construction
24 Trades Council.

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